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HONGKONG, MAY 1ST, 1908.

Anour the middle of this month the General Election takes place in Japan. We published manufacturer: Three of the children are 14 not long ago a well-informed account of th various political parties that have arisen in Japan, and now it remains only to make few general observations on the changes that have come over Japan's domestic the 27th December. politics. There is not very much to say about it, so we select the topic as convenient for an issue in which our columns, as will be noted, are unusually congested. We learn that the forthcoming General Election s to be a business one, the candidates including more commercial men than ever the most conspicuous feature of Japan's national economy, this was to be expected but foreigners will none-the-less watch for the result with great interest. The possi. Parliament largely composed of business and he ordered the petition to be granted. representatives are obviously immense. The commercial class in Japan has lately begun to feel its power, as witness the influence of the Chambers of Commerce, which are taken very seriously and strongly supported. One "plank" of the new candidates is retrenchment coupled with opposition to the increased taxation. The better class Japanese are also pointing out into effect. On the first evening of the hitherto no credit to Japanese politics is or demagogues, the "so-called professional politicians," who are coming forward in much smaller numbers this time. One

authority gladly accepts this as an indication that the bulk of the electorate is becoming too intelligent and self-respecting to tolerate this class any longer. The papers are already devoting much space to election matters, and in another two or three weeks we trust we may be able to record results in accordance with the laudable hopes now being expressed.

The French Mail of the 31st March was delivered in London on the 29th inst.

It is notified that in the present calendar year not more than 15,100 chests of Malwa oplum is to be exported from india.

"Men wanted of good address, canvassing ability and brains. Splendid prospects. Englishmen need not apply."-(" Montreal Star.")

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The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals acknowledges, with thanks, the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:-Colonial Government \$300.

The second coxswain of the steam launch "Canada," who pluckily attempted to save Mr. Rennie from drowning, was called before Mr. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday and presented with a \$10 noti-

It is announced that the Canadian Pacific Railway will build two additional larger and faster Atlantic "Empresses," and will establish a weekly service. Should the mail contract for the East be renewed by the British Government, the company contemplates new vessels for the

From information supplied by Messrs. Sander. Wieler and Co., the Hongkong agents, we note that the Magdeburg Fire Insurance Co. piling up a big surplus, the total accumulations beyond capital, stock (£750,000), now amounting to £937,241. The premium income last year was practically a million and a bar Twenty four were saved.

It has practically been decided by the U.S. Navy Department that the Battleship Fleet shall visit Auckland on its way from Samos to Sydney. There is an ample supply of good coalat the New Zealand port, and it is felt that the visit of the Fleet will also show the appreciation of the United States of the prompt and cordial invitation extended by the New Zea'ard authorities.

A Reuter's telegram from Paris states that M. Clemenceau, the Premier, has replied to M. de Montebello, who asked the Government's Permission to withdraw the remains of hisfamous ancestor, Marshall Lannes, from the Pantheon 'as a protest against the interment there of the remains of Emile Zola. The Premier pointed out that a special Act of Parliament would to necessary to sanction the removal, and that the Government did not see its way to introducing

Lidy Mary Glyn, the wife of the Bishop of Peterborough, was a month or so ago sitting. the Peterborough Infirmary by the bedside of a maidservant, who had been taken from the Palace suffering from burns, 'At a neighbouring bed an evangelist was speaking to another patient. Mistaking Lady Mary for the girl's mother, he approached her with a handfr! of tracts, and the words, "Are you saved, madame; are you sure you're saved?" "Ay nearly as a bishop's wife can expect to be," was L.dy Mary's reply.

A great deal of interest is centred just now among the promenaders along the Seine, near the Bastille, in the movemen of a lady who is accompanied by six nurses, each nurse in charge of a baby girl. The gossips have discovered that the lady is the wife of a wealthy months old and the others three months. A Paris contemporary, which seems to be as interested in the lady as are her fellow promenaders, states that the three elder babies were born on January 7 last year, and the younger ones on

An old lady who had long vainly attempted to obtain an increase of pension decided to address a petition to the Princess Iolands, the five year-old daughter of the King of Haly-The letter was handed to the King, who read it and, with imperturbable seriousness, ordered his chamberlain to take it to the Princess. The chamberlain (the " Mail" says) proceeded to the before. As trade is becoming notoxiously Princess's cot, where the child was sleeping soundly, and, to the astonishment of her nurse, gravely read the petition to her. Then he returned to the King "Well," said Victor Emmanuel, "what did the Princess say?" "Nothing, your Majesty. She is asleep. bilities from their point of view of a "Then silence gives consent" said the King

A Devonshire farmer, who for thirty years had been in the habit of drinking his pint of beer nightly at the sign of the Dun Cow, was rendered reflective by the statement that under the Confiscation Bill his drink would cost him more. He discussed the matter-with his wife, and came to the conclusion that it would save him money to lay down a cask of beer and drink April 28. it at home. This idea he proceeded to carry with satisfaction that a class of candidates experiment his wife, gratified at keeping him at home, said: "Now, Dan, 'ee've 'ad your pint appears to be disappearing. These are the an saved a penny." The old chap mopped his month complacently. "'Ees, Martha," said he with a beam of satisfaction. "I think I'll have another pint, and save a penny more."

TELEGRAMS.

[" DAILY PRESS" MICLUSIVE SERVICE. FLOODS IN ENGLAND.

London, April 30th.

Floods have taken place in the Thames Valley. MOSCOW INUNDATED.

London, April 30th. Moscow is inundated and damage done to the extent of two millions.

- ETNA ACTIVE.

LONDON, April 30th. Mount Etna is in eruption.

THE BIG FLEET.

London, April 30th. The United States fleet is to visit the Fiji Islands.

KING EDWARD'S MOVEMENTS.

London, April 30th.

It is reported that King Edward will visit Russia in July.

EXPLOSION ON JAPANESE WARSHIP.

Tokyo, April 30th. The Admiral of the Training Squadron wires that the after magazine

on the "Matsushima" exploded on Wednesday inorning near the Pescadores. The vessel sank, and two officers and thirty cadets are missing

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, April 27th.

The Washington Senate has reconsidered the Naval Appropriation Bill, and amended it to provide four battleships, in accordance with President Roosevelt's desire. measure was again defeated by 50/23.

ANOTHER MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

LONDON, April 27th, President Roosevelt has sent another Message to Congress, in which he re-urges anti-trust legislation, and condemns the millionaire as the least enviable of citizens . a man with a face grown hard and body sofe; whose nominal pleasure is tasteless, extrawagant luxury; whose real delight accumulation, and the use of his power ir the most sorded form; and whose son is fool and daughter a foreign Princess.

LOSS OF A BRITISH DESTROYER

LONDON, April 28th. During night manœuvres off Harwich,

the Destroyer ! ala was ramined and cut in two by the Scout Attentive. Lieut, Fletcher perished; the crew was rescued. Attentive, temporarily uncontrolable then struck-the Ribble, it is stated, as the latter was attempting to cross her bows.

TOKYO MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

The following digest of the report to the shareholders is supplied by the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, the Hongkong agents.

Profit and Lors Account 1906 and former years.-The balance in hand on this account at the beginning of the year was Yen 4,641,620 during the year the total disbursements have amounted to Yen 415, 16. The Directors recommend the payment of a dividend of four Yen per share out of this account, which will absorb Yen 240,000 and that the balance of Yen 3,986,604 be carried forward.

Working Account, 1907.—The net premia for the year amount to Yeu 1,687,488 against which net claims and losses have been settled aggregating Yen 508,198; the expenses to amount to Yen 221,689. There therefore remains a balance of Yen 957,601, to which has to be added interest of Yen 395,016.

The surplus funds, in excess of capital, now amount to Yen 5,300,000. *

MARINE COURT.

Thursday, 30th April. REFORE THE HON. BASH. TAYLOR, R.N. (HARBOUR' M'ASTER).

LAUNCHES IN COLLISION. An enquiry was held at the Harbour Office into the circumstances of the collision between two steam launches. "Hoi Kong" and "Hoi Hong," which occurred in the Harbour on

dence that he met the "Hoi Hong" which, was going in the opposite direction and as she was right shead he altered his course, at the same time giving a long blast on the whistle. The other launch struck his launch in the starboard

The Magistrate found that the collision was due entirely to the master of the "Hoi Hong not being at his place of duty, and his certificate was cancelled.

CORRESPONDENCE.

JUNK BAY MILLS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE " DAILY PRESS."

April Soth. Sin,-With reference to your report of the inquest attending the death of the late Mr. Rennie, whilst we are very loath to address you on this u happy subject we feel that, in justice to our clients Sir Paul Chater and Mr. Mody. we ought to ask you to publish the following statement of the actual facts in connection with certain of the matters referred to in such report

It is reported that a few days after the general meeting of the Hongkong Milling Company Ltd. a change became apparent in Mr. Rennie, who complained of business worries and alleged that those who could help him would not do so. With regard to this, reference should be made to the statements of Mr. Rennie on the 7th ultimo on the occasion of his presiding at the annual general meeting of the Milling Company; from this it will be seen that he stated that the outlook for the current year is more promising. "The demand for our product continues so strong that we have difficulty in keeping page with it. . . I am glad to say that everything is going on smoothly at the mills", . . . and " A profit of \$161,262.76 in the first eleven months of our working proves that we have established the business on a basis and I confidently believe that at our next meeting we will be in a position propose a bandsome distribution of profits." Such statements would certainly not convey to the ordinary mind that there was any cause for worry over, or anything substantially w.ong with the affairs of the Company and our clients have in fact no reason whatever to suppose, or any intimation whatever from Mr. Rennie, that matters were running otherwise than mosfavourably in connection with the concern.

It is further reported that evidence was given to the affect that Mr. Reunie was asked why be did not tell his partners, (our clients) of them and replied that he had done so but that it was no good. We presume that by "partners are intended our clients, though actually they were not Mr. Renaic's partners, but directors of, and large shareholders in, the Milling Company. With regard to this part of the report, what we have written above is in point, but, we should add; it was not until the lith instant (three days before Mr. Rennie's death) that our clients had the slightest suspicion that all was not well in connection with the affairs of the Mill. On that date, at Board Meeting of the Company, Mr. Rennie in accordance with the requirements of the Articles of Association, intimated that h desired to have a meeting of the shareholders of the company convened for the purpose of obtaining authority from them to charge the Company's property in favour of their Bankers and he then put before our clients, as directors, a statement, which is now in our hands, showing a loss as estimated by him, of \$41,000 odd upon the milling and sale of the wheat then in the Company's godewns, which statement Mr. Rennie then informed our clients he purposed placing before the Company's Bankers, This was absolutely the first intimation our clients received from Mr. Rennie that the affairs of the Company were not proceeding farourably; but, as the statement showed s loss of only one-forth of the profits that Mr. Rennie had stated at the annual general meeting had been already made by the company, our clients naturally did not view matters in too serious or too unfavourable s light and, having the most complete confidence in Mr. Rennie, they accepted such statement as accurate in every respect, though it has since been ascertained that the Company's Bankers proved it to be otherwise. At the same time Mr. Rennie mentioned to our clients that there was a purchase of wheat which he had made for June shipment, which he had asked the Company's Bankers to finance, but which they were unwilling to do unlessour clients personally guaranteed the transaction, which amounted to some \$500,000. The latter did not then refuse to do this, but took the matterinte consideration. On the morning of the 14th instant, Mr. Rennie rang up Sir Paul Chater on the telephone, stating that he was in trouble and desired to see Sir Paul, who, in raply, arranged to see Mr. Rennie at his office that morning and accordingly did so. Mr. Rennie then informed Sir Paul Chater that there was trouble with regard to the June shipment above mentioned, that he had been notified that the steamer in connection therewith had been chartered and that accordingly the necessary credit must be sent and reiterated that if our clients would guarantee same it could be arranged through the Company's Bankers Sir Paul Chater then suggested to Mr Rennie that it would be best, in order to cut the then apparent loss on the shipment as much as possible, for Mr. Rennie to telegraph to cancel the contract and resell the shipment which Mr. Rennie then concurred in doing and, in Sir Paul's presence wrote out a telegram for that purpose and handed it to Mr. Chard to despatch. It is also reported that on the day o

Mr. Rennie's death Mrs. Rennie was served with a writ for \$30,000. With regard to this in February last prior to the annual general meeting, and when the accounts had been audited and a skeleton statement in connec ion therewith got out, Mr. Rennie saw our clients therewith and as to the disposition of the then estimated balance of some \$130,000 thereby appearing. Sir Paul Chater The master of the "Hoi Kong" gave evi- expressed the view that this balance should be appropriated by declaring a dividend the shareholders, in view if the fact that three years had elapsed since incorporation of the Company. Mr. Rennie was reluctant to accept this suggestion and stated that the company needed the money in its business and that their Bankers preferred

such a course, whereupon Sir Faul Chater said

that, as Mr. Renuis proposed to give no dividend to the shareholders, he ought, in accordance with the not unusual practice, to forego at least a portion of his commission on the Company's workings for the then past year (prior to which there had been no workings and consequently no commission earned) amounting to \$60,000, and Mr. Rennie agreed to half such commission, thus receiving the sum of \$30,000, in this connection, Mr. Rennie informed our clients that he desired to obtain an advance to himself of a sum of \$30,000 which Mr. Mody promptly volunteered and which, a few days later, he did in fact lend, receiving it return a promissory note therefor, which promissory note fell due on the 21st ultimo, but, having the fullest confidence in Mr. Rennie and his position, Mr. Mody did not then present the note for payment, but left it to Mr. Rennie to discharge as and when he saw fit: After Mr Rennie's death our clients learnt for the first time that he had effected considerable dealings with his holdings in the Millings Co., engen. dering considerable claims on his estate and Mr. Mody saw us in connection with the above mentioned loan, informing us of the dealings just referred to and placing his in prests in our hands. On our advice proceedings were at once instituted against the deceased's estate, with the view of endeavouring to my tre to Mr. Mody priority for his claim in respect of the loan referred to over the claims of other creditors of the deceased in respect of his said dealings. These proceedings were not instituted on the same day as, but on the day following. Mr. R nnie's death and Mrs. Rennie was not served with the writ of summous, nor was it ever in contemplation to so serve her and in fact

Finally, there is reported a suggestion to the effect that our clients have succeeded in obtaining possession of the Mili... With-regard to this, the true facts are that after Mir-Rennie's death the affairs of the Company were found to be so involved and disastrous that our clients, as the only remaining directors in the Colony, were advised and decided that, in the best interests of the shareholders, the only proper course was to apply to the Court for a winding up order and the appointment of liquidator, which was accordingly done. This liquidator is now in possession of the property of the Company on its behalf, but it is more than probable that the realisation of such property will be insufficient to pay the Company's should be made and meetings have been held oreditors and consequently leave nothing for the shareholders, of whom our clients hold two-thirds of the whole capital accordingly are by fac the greatest losers, from the confidence placed in Mr. Rennie, and the state in which his death left the Now Sir, the word modify or its equivalent affairs of the Company.

service was effected by us on her then solicitors

two days after Mr. Rennie's death,

Thanking you in anticipation of the insertion of this .- We are yours obediently,

-DEACON LOOKER AND DEACON.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 30th April.

IN APPLICATE JURISDICTION. BEFORE THE FULL COURT.

LEAVE TO APPEAL.

An application was submitted to their Lord ships (Sir F. Piggott, Chief Justice, and Mr H. H. J. Gompertz, Acting Puisne Judge) for leave to appeal to the Privy Council in the case

Chan We and others v. Chan Yam and others. This was an appeal from the decision of the Full Court on July 2nd 1907, arising out of claim by the appellants for \$4258 paid into cour being part of a sum of \$12,000.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. Sergeant of Messrs Wilkinson; and Grist, appeared for the appellants, and Mr M. Slade instructed by Mr. G. R. Hall Brutton, appeared for the respondents.

Mr. Pollock said the decision of the Full Court was to the effect that the defendants excluded the debt from their assignment to the plaintiffs.

Mr. Slade argued that the appellants had not completed their security within the three months stipulated by the rules of the Courts

Their Lordships reserved their judgment.

PRESENTATION TO ME. McKIRDY

Mr. " Archie " McKirdy, an old and faithfu servant of the Taikoo Sugar Works, goes home o-morrow (Saturday) for a well-earned holiday ings in this Colony. Section 107 refers to party of nine months. During his fourteen years in Hongkong, he has identified himself with sport and athletics to such an extent that his renown is great, his acquaintances legion, and his friends many, close, and loyal. As a successful cyclist, sprinter, and yachtsman, as a keen volunteer, and as an all-round good fellow, Mr. the Ordinance are found to be somewhat too McKirdy will receive a popula- welcome on

Meanwhile, on taking leave, he has been the recipient of numerous mementoes of the esteem he has earned, including (from members of the Corinthian Yacht Club, of which he has been Honorary Treasurer for the last two .years) a pocket aneroid, a wallet, a gold pencilcase, and prismatic binoculars of latest design. To night at the King Eward Hotel Mr McKirdy is giving a farewell dinner to number of his friends.

CHINA ASSOCIATION.

We learn from our London office that M R. S. Gundry is relinquishing the presidency of the China Association, and that Mr. J. H. Scott is proposed as his successor.

Sir Charles Dadgeon is expected to act as chairman and Mr. George Jamieson as vicechairman, while Mr. R. C. Wilcox (recently of Hongkong) will be secretary.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held yesterday in the Council

Chamber. PRESENT :-HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR FREDERICK JOHN DEALTRY LUGARD, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O. His Excellency the Officer Commanding the

Troops, Colonal C. H. DARLING. Hon. Mr. F. H. MAY, U.M.G. (Colonial Mr. W. REES DAVIES, (Attorney-

Hou. Mr. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Trea-Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G. (Director of

Public Works). Mr. E. A. IRVING (Registrar-

Hon. Commander BASIL R. H. TAYLOR, R.N. (Harbour Master).

Hon, Dr. Ho KAI, M.B., C.M., C.M.G. Hon, Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.

Hon, Mr. WEI YUK.

Jeneral).

Hon, Mr. H. KESWICK. Hon. Mr. E. OSBORNE.

Hon, Mr. MURBAY STEWART. Mr. C. CLEMENTI (Clerk of Councils).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and confirmed.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table. the fillowing papers-Report of the Registrar-

F'NANCIAL MINUTES. The Colonial SECRETARY, by direction of His Excellency the overnor, laid on the table Financial minutes Nos. 16, 17 and 18, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee. The UOLONIAL TERASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The ! OLONIAL SECRETARY, by direction of . E. the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee (No. 6), and moved its adoption.

The COLONIAL TRE SURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUILDINGS O DINANCE AMENDMENT HILL. The Hon. Mr. CHATHAM-I rise to move that the bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Public Health and Building Ordinauce 1903 and the Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance 19-3 be now read a second time. Since this bill was introduced, sir, and read a first time it has been very extensively criticised by the local architects on bohalf of the European and Chinese property owners in this Colony. They have submitted statements of certain amendments which they considered with Your Excellency and the amendments were fully discussed and a great wany of them have been adopted. They have shown perhaps a little undue nervou ness, in criticising the proposals because in one case they have suggested that the word modify should be altered to reduce. modification is used repeatedly and I have never heard it suggest d that medification should mean something less than was supposed in the clause in connection with which that term was used. One of the principal features of the Bill is the concentration under the building authority of all matters which affect the construction of buildings. The submission of plans to the Medical Officer of Health which require his signature to the issue of cortificates will be dispensed with and it is hoped considerable time will be saved in the passing of the plans. I propose only to refer to the principal matters dealt with in the Bill before the Council, because the objects and reasons of the Bill have been fully set forth both as regards the Bill itself and subjequent amendments which have been circulated to the members. I may say, Sir, it is proposed to withdraw the definition of external air in the section introduced because it would operate rather harshly upon parties who wished to erect a building of moderate height who happened to have opposite to this proposed building another of much greater height belonging to some neighbouring owner. The proportion of floor space and cubic space per head is very much reduced, Sir, in the amended Bill. The provision of a similar sort was incorporated in the original ordinance I of 1903 but withdrawn when that Ordinance was amended at a later period. When certain other amedments which have been made in the present Bill are before the Council it is hoped that it will have greater effect and be found a useful provision. Section tola—a new section—has been introduced to apply to existing buildings when they are being altered. The provision has regard to the thickness of walls which apply to new buildings. Under the present ordinance the requirements as regards the thickness of walls are limited to new buildings

only. It is evidently absurd to reconstruct a portion of an existing building of less thickness than that required for new buildings. Another section-103a-is to regulate the construction of partition walls principally with a view to acquiring some more substantial form of construction than can be insisted on at the present time and with a view of securing the use of nonflammable materials, especially in places which are so densely populated as are many of the buildwalls. At the present time there are no restrictions regarding the openings in party walls and when a man makes an opening he does it where he pleases and in the course of time that opening becomes a source of danger to the building. Section 151 introduces some amendments as regards the lighting of buildings of a greater denth than 40 feet as the present provisions an drastic and it is hoped this alteration will meet the requirments of the case. The Amending Section 153 is based largely upon the recommendations of the Cabieles Committee: which included four unofficial members of this Counci land one of the leading architects, and the proposals now made I presume will recommend themselves to the members of this Council. In connection with that clause it is proposed to introduce an amendment with regard to house on the reclamation but it will be limited to houses not exceeding one hundred feet in depth. Secction 153a, which it is proposed to renumber as 154a, provides for a scheme for improving existing blocks of buildings. That scheme, Sir, if it becomes at all general will underbtedly confer a very substantial improvement in the condition of the Colony and I think the improvement will be affected at what may be regarded as a moderate cost. In section

175 it is not proposed to delete the words by the Owner." That has been a bone of contention on provious occasious. There can be no doubt that it was the intention of the original Ordination that the space specified should be provided by the owners and the provision has been in force for many years. It is not peculiar

to Hongkeng because it may be said to be universal that open agaces must be provided by the owner. Section 179 deals with open spaces and scavenging lanes. A few

prepared to accept a lane as part of the open space to be provided. The modification is contained in paragraph 8, section 1, and that is considered sufficient to enable each case to be dealt with on its merits. In section: 185, Sir, concerning the obstruction in streets on which domestic buildings front, I think that any member who cares to perambulate a portion of our city in the conclusion that they are undoubtedly restricted now by all manner of obstructions in the shape of stalls and accumulations of merchandise of all descriptions. In section 186-itis proposed to substitute the word building for domestic building as regards the maintainance of private streets. I think that will commend itself to members, because there are streets for instance in the neighbourhood of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank which are very much used and from a public health point of view should be maintained in as sanitary condition as other streets. Section 222 and 223 relate to steps which must be taken before any work can be commenced or resumed. Some very considerable modifications have been introduced into this section and they have been also recast and arranged so as to set forth more clearly what the provisions are in each specific case whether it is commencement or resumption. Section 264a is a new section which is very important as it delegates to the Building is now vested in the Board or in Governor in Council. It is felt that in many cases the modification required is of such a slight extent that an undue amount of delay is inwolved in getting plans through these two bodies. A great deal of time must necessarily be occupied in dealing with matters of the description by the present course laid down in the Ordinanco. Section 267 is also an important one us it admits of the construction of simpler class of buildings which is intended of course to apply more to the outlying districts. The provisions of the ordinance are very large. ly framed with regard to the buildings in the city itself or the more populous parts Kowloon and they can searcely be said to meet in a satisfactory way the requirements where buildings are less dense and the developments are not as advanced as they are. With these few words, Sir I move the second reading of the

The Hon. Mr. OSEORNE-To rightly understand the complex questions involved in the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, and to appreciate at their proper value the conclusions arrived at by the Sanitary Commissioners, one needs, I think, to revert to the history of its origin, to have followed the course of its development and to be familiar with the events which culminated in this enquiry. The Colony of Hongkong, Sir, came into the possession of Great Britain at a period when, throughout the world, the principles of advanced sanitation were little understood and even less practised. It came within the Empire as a prize of war, its sole value was considered to be its strategic position; its development as a trading centre was neither intended or desired; its future lay unplanned; its commercial propects unheeded No wonder theu, that neglected, unguided, it fell into evil ways and muturing in an atmosphere of drift, it bred the evils of congested areas, insanitation and disease. Not till 1884 was there any serious attempt to grapple with the subject of sanitation; not fill the first outbreak of plague in 18 4 did the community awake to a realization of its danger, nor did official apathy, heedless of warning from Dr. Agres and others, yield to a sense of its obvious duty. Then under the spur of patile, under threatenes injury to its commercial interests, the Colony attempted to do in haste what it ought long since to have done at leisure; it attempted to rectify in a moment the mischief of many years' growth, and it has now for some years past been

paying in full measure the penalty upon indifference and neglect. But whatever blame attaches to individuals, applies only to those who in the years previous to 1884 allowed these evils to germinate and develope. The outcome of this state of affairs was the original and drastic Ordinance of 1903, described in the Commissioners' Report as the work of a novice. If, Sir, the deliberations of nearly ten years, embracing the recommendations of Mesers. Chadwick and Simpson, experts sent from home at the express wish of the public; embracies consultations with architects, medical authorities and lawyers; embracing the study every known interest involved; references to and other countries; the whole. them collated and elaborated to suit loca. conditions; the whole of them discussed and criticised ad nauseam in public; if this, Sir, be correctly described as the work of a novice, it would be interesting to know in consists the work of an expert. The fault, now. laid bare by experience, lay not in that the Ordinance was ill considered, ill digested; but that it violated the great principle which underlies all sound legislation, and which is that laws should be based only upon experience and feut, and that the human intellect is incapable of creating them to fit conditions not vet known. ad this principle been observed, the Ordinance would have been framed with elasticity to deal with circumstances as they arose; and I submit that no amount of tinkering, no number of amending Ordinances will avail, until this principle be taken to heart and followed. Speaking from personal experience of plague measures, and conversant as . am with the work of the Sanitary department in past years, I cannot allow this opportunity. to pass without commenting, with your Excellency's permission, on the charges of incapacity and corruption levelled at whole department in the Commissioners' report, especially where they say there was reason to fear that corruption and bribery extended throughout the staff of inspectors. True it is that instances of corruption came to light during the enquir but so far as the evidence has been made public there is nothing in it to warrant such an assumption as that I have referred to; and considering the difficulty of obtaining suitable men for such unpalatable work, considering that in the first instance Inspectors had to be garnered from whatever local sources were available, it would have been wonderful indeed if such an organization as the Sanitary department had been evolved at once without flaw and without fault; and if, Sir, corruption of individuals be accepted as evidence incriminating the whole, then very few of us dare lift the first stone; for what business in the Colony is there which during recent years has not in some manner been victimised by the dishonesty of individual employees. Similarly, when wholesale charges of incapacity are preferred, it is well not to allow details to unduly sway one's judgment, but bear in mind the stupendous task which had to be performed under conditions of difficulty and discouragement; in face of the obstinacy, ignorance and resistance of the very people on whose Lehalf these measures were being tried; then to give credit where credit is due, and frankly acknowledge the good work accomplished. But from beginning to end of the Commissioners' report there is not one word

of approbation, not the faintest meed of praise;

fools. Of all the mistakes, Sir, that have followed in the wake of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, not the least of them, 1 think, is the injustice, I might even say the cruel injustice, to thus bespatter the characters those men who, whatever their faults, whatever their shortcomings, in the dark days following 1894 did at least fulfil their noxious which these streets are located would come to and dangerous task to the best of their ability with loyalty to the public weal. do not say that none of the Commissioners' strictures were justified, I do not deny that Sanitary department needed reform; but I do say that in criticising the work of that department, allowance should be made for difficulties that had to be met, and that it unfair to judge to-day when most of those difficulties have disapeared. Sir, despite the utterances of some, despite the criticisms of the Press, and despite the findings of this Commission, I believe the majority of men who are acquainted with the circumstances will declare unbestitatingly, that notwithstanding expense, notwithstanding mistakes and notwithstanding abuses, a great and lasting improvement has been effected in the Sanitary condition of the Colony; those who can testify to the evil slums and stench ridden streets of former days will not withhold praise when they pass through the clean and whoosome thoroughfares of to-day; those who like myself were wont to exhibit as sights of the town the closely packed underexemption with regard to certain sections which ground opium dens and unutterable squalor of Chinatown will now search for such sights in vain; and if plague, that unsolved problem in other lands than ours, if plague, has been altogether banished from midst, the accomplished results of the Sanitary department's endeavours in that direct tion are sufficiently encouraging to justify a continuance of their work with unabated vigour. As regards the Commissions' recommendations and the provisions of the Bill before us, setting saide trivialities with which the report is somewhat overburdened, there appear to me to be three and only three important suggestions to consider. One is that the Building Authority shall be placed under the direct control of the Sanitary Board, another that there should be a simple form of appeal; another is that the Sanitary department shall be run by a Board having an unofficial majority, under a President of its own selection, which if it mean anything at all, means that the department shall be converted into a sort of half fledged municipal corporation possessed of sufficient powers to work mischief, but insufficiently equipped to perform the functions appertaining to a genuine municipality. As to whether the Building Authority should be placed under the Sanitary Board, there are no doubt good arguments for and ag inst; all however that the public wants and is concerned with is efficiency they want their plans and arrangements po through with a minimum of circumlecution and with a maximum of indulgence, that their wishes will, as far as public interests allow, be granted. To the public it is immaterial whether the Building Authority is attacked to one department or another; and if, as would appear to be the case, the proposed arrangement results in efficiency. the public. I feel sure, will be satisfied with it On the question of appeal there should certainly be some simple method by which persons feeling aggrieved can obtain a hearing not only by the President of the Board but by the Board itself. I think that much irritation in the past has been due to a conviction that the Sanitary department has acted with unnecessary harshness, and I feel sure that if individual grievances were given a patient and sympathetic. hearing, this friction would give way to a sense of confidence in the department, which would go far towards securing the co-operation of the Chinese, where now there is resistance and misunderstanding. The whole Sanitary depart-President downwards should understand that the law was not framed for the purpose of harrassing and annoying; that their business is to educate and assist; to give effect to the regulations in an intelligent and tolerant manner; to concede where concession is possible; and above all avoid a senseless interpretation of the law. Unless this spirit animate the department, unless the high officials protect the public against the misplaced zeal, stupidity, and arrogance of subordinates, there will continue to be irritation, antagonism, and trouble. And as most of the friction in the past has undoubtedly been due to administrative incapacity to apply the law in a common sense and reasonable fushion, so the future success or failure of the reorganized department will depend largely upon the broadmindedness of

as in days of old, generating evils, the result of which will not be depreciated property or depleted revenue, but will be an empty and ruined city; a commerce departed never its President, who whilst on the one hand wil carry out the unalterable determination of the government to cleanse this town in the interests public health, will on the other hand initiate changes and reforms where the law is found the responsibility of governing this Colony. to be inapplicable. And it is to be hoped that, appeals to the Governor it Council (applause). are heard, the President will be present to plead the cause of common sense. (Applause.) chief point of the report however lies in a recommendation concerning the constitution of the Board, which as I have already shown, virtually amounts to municipal control of Sanitary affairs. This, Sir, is a matter which strikes at the root of Crown Colony Government and as such calls for careful scrutiny. In the peculiar circumstances of our case, a British Colony run largely on alien money, with a British population, which owing to climatic and other ressons is constantly changing, it seems to me that above all other considerations our aim should be to give stability to our laws, con sistency to our policy, and honesty to our administration; all of which I claim the Crown Colony system gives with a thoroughness unequalled by any other system. (Hear, hear.) La admit without argument that the has faults: that our commercial progress is slow for lack of initiative and enterprise on the part of Government; believe that under municipal control, given the right men to manage affairs, improvements would be effected in municipal matters. which under existing conditions eventuate so slowly; that for instance some modern method. of paving our streets would long since have the old fashioned and unsuitable mud and stone; I believe that more publicity would be given and therefore more interest taken in public affairs; I admit there has hitherto been too little sympathy with commercial interests, an unaccountable jealousy on the part of officials, of private enterprise resping private reward; that whereas in other countries new industries are given cheap land, relieved of taxation and otherwise fostered, here in Hongkong it is the practice to straugle with vexatious condititus. But these, sir, are after all comparatively trivial grievances capable of easy removal. To change this system for that of Government by an elected assembly; to set in authority over us men who are here to-day and gone to-morrow; or men whose interest in in public affairs would probably be restricted to their private needs; men responsible one for their mistakes; or men in the matter of public expenditure would probably imperil the Colony's credit by person and grant a modification only on certain emulating the phantasies of modern municipal terms and conditions. Therefore I think, Sir, extravagance; to place the Government in such it would be considered that this Bill is not very hands as these would I think be fraught with acceptable in the absence of a previso giving a injury to the Colony, and hartful to those who

amendments are introduced to that, Sir, but I everything from the start has been wrongly happened to be without the precincts of the right of appeal to the Supreme Court upon done and practically the whole Sanitary staff municipal chamber. With a shifting population questions of construction and I think, Sir, that do not think they are of very vital importance. are by implication, branded either as roques or such as curs, with every one busily intent upon the machinery should be by way of an origination less the Government, Sir, are not are, by implication, branded either as roques or busily intent upon the machinery should be by way of an origination. in finding men suitable and willing to undertake | trustees under wills who are in doubt as to consuch duties, so that the care of public affairs struction would apply to the Supreme Court would pass into the hands of undesirable persons and obtain a decision as to the proper procedure and we should be called upon to witness a to follow. I will, Sir, with your permission repetition of those edifying public scandals read a provise which I would suggest might be which appear to be inseparable from democratic included in the Bill. I do not say that it is This question of municipal government. is of perennial growth; it has been championed; and I have not had much time in which to and fought out before and discarded as womitable. No one questions the right of an enlighten-I desire to make ed community to manage its own affairs, but is there any evidence that the Asiatic sections of

our population are possessed of the necessary head of the Sanitary Department or the Board enlightenment or the individual independence and any person as to the meaning of any of character, power of self restraint and imparti- provision of this Ordinance, it shall be lawful ality of judgment, which are the first essentials of self government? Does not the very history or the Board or such person to take out an of this Public Health law, with its dismal Originating Summons in the name of or tale of disease and death, answer emphatically in the negative? Are the people who, on the for the purpose of having the meaning of such question of public health, have for years provision determined by the Supreme Court. harassed the authorities by their apathy, their The provisions of the Hongkong Code of Civil callousness, their passive resistance, are these Procedure as to Originating Summons a shall the people to whom should be entrusted the extend, so far as the same are applicable and burden of self government? Or would we have with such modifications as circumstances may them set aside, they who posess by far the largest | require, to any Originating Summons which stake in the Colony; would we ignore the issued under this section and proceedings under Chinese and vest control in a handful of this section shall be deemed to be civil pro-Europeans? I venture to predict, Sir, that if ceedings brought by or against the Crown as the case may be." any such proposal were made, we should learn very quickly from the Chinese, and not only the hinese, that they cortainly prefer the trained, disinterested, civil servant with all his faults to person who feels aggrieved by the decision of a clique of untrained and possibly self seeking the Building Authority or other officer but that

amateurs. To judge from what appears in the local press, one would imagine the community was crushed beneath the heel of official tyranny though one seeks in vain for those evidences of indignation, or the cries injustice unusually associated with the cause an oppressed people. And is it not strange that this discontent with the established order of Government, which we are told exists, should not occasionally find expression in this Council Chamber ! The machinery is here, ready at hand for any member of the community to lay bare his wrongs, to unburden his woes in public. but so far as my experience goes it is seldom that the voice of genuine grievance has been heard within these walls. If, for instance, the Chinese or the property owners feel so deeply

about the iniquity of any particular provision of the Public Health law, why is it they have never thought it worth their while to bring the matter before this Council? And why is it that the profuse criticisms of property owners and architects, on this very Bill, should have dwindled down to the few comparatively important matters detailed in their published reports? I will tell you why it is. Sir. because the Chinese know, the property owners know, and every intelligent member of this community, if he will only acknowledge the truth, knows, that in this question of public bealth, involving as it does the very existence of the place as a centre of trade, the Government is fighting for the welfare of all against generally are in agreement with the broad deserve all the support which it is in the power of honourable members to give. Stripped of technicalities and side issues, this whole problem about which controversy has raged so long, resolves itself into the very simple question, whether the Colony is content to drift on

The community's answer to that question was the Public Health Ordinance of 1903;-by which the Government was given a mandate from the people to purify this city at any cost, and however hardly it may press upon property owners, however distasteful it may be to the Chinese, there can be no turning back now, no departure from the broad lines down by Messrs. Chadwick and Simpson. no shrinking from sacrifices which the future prosperily of the port deman's. This mandate must be fulfilled by the Government adhering to a fixed, unalterable policy of sanitary reform and on the unofficials on th Sanitary Board can most usefully serve the Public. not by aspiring to an impractical acheme municipal control, but by acting in a consultive capacity to executive officials; by freely exercising their powers of exemption, by enquiring into and ventilating grisvances; and above all by uniting with honourable members of this Council in criticising the details of the Government policy, not in a bickering spirit or in senseless cavil, but in a spirit of condour and

The Hop. Mr. POLLOCK-May it please your Excellency, I think there is one very important question of principle upon which I ought to address this assembly. As the hon, member ou my right has explained, the effect of the present Amending Ordinance is to concentrate considerable power in his hands as Building Authority under the Public Health and Buildings. Ordin-I notice. Sir, in these drafts amending the Bill before the Council, copies of which I have only received within the last twenty-four hours, it is intended to confer still further power. upon the Building Authority. He is to be with powers in the matter modification and exemption which hitherto been exercised either by the Governor in Council or the Sanitary Board under the provision of sections 151, 153, 175, 176, 188, and 216 of the Ordinance. I think, Sir, there can be no doubt that great as the

powers of the Building Authority have been in the past it is proposed at all events while wrangling about. It would be well by the Government that they should be very therefore if the Government would circumstances I think it is very important as a the same time indicate their intention much greater in the future. Under these question of principle that there should be with regard to the half lobby half kitchen inserted in this Ordinance a provise enabling scheme which has been in operation already any one who has a dispute with the Building Authority as to the terms of the Ordinance to bring the matter by a short and simple process before the Supreme Court. Anybody, Sir, who is acquainted with the working of Ordinance 1 of 1903 and the Amending Ordinance is well aware that from time to time there have arisen differences of opinion as to the construction of the various sections of the Ordinance. It is also well known, Sir, that there has been considerable delay in the passing of plans. The Building Authority might perhaps construe the Ordinance in a certain way and perhaps insist that his interpretation was right while the person who wanted the work done would construe differently and insisting that his interpretation was right, a deadlock would be created. There is no machinery provided for taking the matter before the independent judgment of the Supreme Court and the probable result is that the person who wante the work carried out gives way or possibly the Building Authority may consent to adopt the construction of the other

perfect. The draft only came to hand yesterday consider it, but the following indicates the point

"In the event of any difference of opinion arising between the Building Authority or the for the Building Authority or for such Head against the Attorney General as the case may be

It will be seen by the proposed clause that i I should not merely lie within the power of the it should also lie within the competence of the Building Authority either by himself or other officer to appeal to the Supreme Court for an interpretation of the particular provision in question. By that mesns we shall have in course of time authoritative decisions of the Supreme Court which will act as a very valuable record instead of as at present a number o different opinions in disputes which as everybody knows who has experience in these

matters must acknowledge are constantly taking place in the present administration of th The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai-Sir. It is not my intention to speak at length on the secon reading of this Bill. I take it that we are agreed upon the main principle that the Public Health and Building Ordinances of the past sre in need of amendment and that this Bill is introduced to effect such amendment. I shall not therefore follow my unofficial colleague on my right in his oratorical flight nor would I follow him in the administration of praise and blame all round and in turn. One thing I will say. should say that his stricture upon the Sanitary Commission and their report is somewhat undeserved. As the gentlemen who constituted that Commission are still, with one exception, in the Colony and will have an -opportunity of defending themselves, leave that matter to them. There are however one or two things I wish to note. There is an Impression abroad that one of the recommendations of the Sanitary Commission have for this reason that the foreign community not been adopted by the Government on account of that allegation that they had exceeded treir principles of the law, and it is for this powers and had gone beyond the scope of the reason that measures adopted by Government inquiry. Now if that allegation, is true it represents an attitude which is very unfair. because it seems to me that any recommendations made by the Commission should be considered on its merits and not rejected because the Commission exceeded its powers. The same argument would apply to the allegation that the members of the commission are not representative of the community. Again we can only confine ourselves to determining whether their recommendations are good or not. We should not think any the less of the recommendations because they were made by a body of men who were not representative of the public. Where to the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance we should accept these recommendations if they are likely to effect improve neuts whether the individuals be representative of the public or not. Now, Sir, as regards the principles of this Bill. The most important I think is the alteration in the constitution of the Sanitary Board, the creation of a cadet president an administrative head of the Sanitary Department and the president of the Board, and having regard to the present constitution of the Board I must acknowledge that , am in favour of the Government's proposal. I see no escape from i for the present. Some years later, when we can

have something like a representative municipsi council, a council composed of members elected by ratepayers irrespective of nationality. with proportionate representation, then I say will be the time to have such an assembly. At present the majority of ratepayers are inadequately and fairness, which I am sure no one will more gladly | wretchedly represented upon the Board. Better welcome than those upon whom finally rests the present arrangement than a quasi-municipality. While upon this subject I would like to allade to something in the speech of my unofficial colleague on my right. He seemed to think that it was the shipping and commerce that made the trade of the port prosper. he makes a mistake. What is it that attracts. shipping? It is the cheap labour, the presence of a large number of industrial frugal Chinese. There is the danger of overlegislation in sanitary matters driving away this useful population and then the shipping, the commerce, the manufactures and the industries of the Colony would starve for want of labour. As regards Commission had largely reported, I think it would be useful if the Government would make some statement of its intention. The Ordinanc has been administered for the past five years and there are very few houses left which would be subject to the operation of this section. Out of perhaps a thousand houses one hundred remain to be brought within the

> a pronouncement on the subject, and. with good results. If such a statement were made by the Government it would disarm much opposition to the new Ordinance, and to this particular section. Another thing of importance was the transfer from the Sanitary Board of certain functions to the Building Authority. Now this no doubt will facilitate matters which I am sure everyone from the architects and owners of propetry downwards desire, but at the same time there is some desire to have an appeal from the Building Anthority to the Sanitary Board, so that firstly there may be a check on the Building Authority, whoever he may be, and secondly, allow the Sanitary Board to have some say in the matter in the first instance as they used to have. When we come to that part of the the Ordinance I hope the Government will permit me to introduce

some provison to that effect. In connection with the constitution the Board omitted to mention that there was strong opposition to the Medical Officer of he intended to deal with it as though stand that so far as Your Excellency is reference. And that is the attitude I have concerned, if we are unanimously opposed to this | myself adopted and the proof of it is that we inclusion the matter will be reconsidered are here to-day discussing the second reading and the Government will not press this point. of the Amending Bill whether it was within The new Ordinances contain a number of the original terms of reference or not, I may

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principles of a technical character. I must take this opportunity of thanking Your Excellency for having held two lengthy conferences with three leading architects in this Colony representing European and Chinese landowners. The kindness and courtesy shown by Your Excellency have been duly appreciated and will no doubt curtail much of the time of this council in considering his Bill in committee. The smendments draw, up by the Government to meet our views were not printed till late yesterday and there has

not been time for us to study the various amendments proposed by the Government and I take it that even if we pass the second reading of the bill to-day the Government will not proceed with the committee stage until certain time has been given to us and the architecta to study the new amendments introduced by the-Government. The COLONIAL SECRETARY-There is only

one point I want to refer to in the very ab and interesting speech of the Hon. Mr. Osborne, and the greatest compliment 1 might pay to him is to say that the Hon. Member on my left who has sat for many years in the House of Commons remarked to me in the course of it-" They would listen to this speaker in the house of commons." Sir, the House of Commons is an assembly to which in some future day I hope to introduce myself (Laughter). I have listened with much pleasure to the Hon. Member's speech and I certainly hope I shall have the pleasure of listening to him in that angust assembly if ever I join it myself. One remark he made which didnot fill me with pleasure; it filled me with a great deal of sorrow. It was his remark that enterprises were strangled in Hongkong by vexatious conditions imposed by the Government, I suppose, Sir, he refers to the sale of Crown lands for the purposes of large and small enterprises. Now, Sir, I would like briefly to describe the Government arrives at the It takes the recorded rule of thumb. private in the vicinity sales public and of each lot and works out the fair average price, a price generally below the average what has been private sales. My experience is that the

free for enterprises of an industrial nature, any Board might be able to reply to anything bat struck me as a very curious proposition. I had said in the fullest manner they desired. I wondered what the existing companies would I have allowed myself in the few words I have say if we were to give land away. If honourable just said to travel outside the strict discussion ance we would be obliged to them. The Government wants to promote industrial enter-

prises and if we are unwittingly hitting anyone hard we should know it in order that we may correct our methods in the future. His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-Before deal ng with the various points raised in the exceedingly interesting debate to which we have just listened I would like to say one or two things in reference to the remarks which I made when introducing this Bill. It has been remarked that when I said that the constitution of the report on the Bill. The Sanitary Board has had Commission was not entirely representative that I had been somewhat lacking in courtesy. It was so foreign to my thoughts to be in any way discourteous to the gentlemen who for so long contributed so much of their private time to the public interest on that Commission that I would wish most emphatically to disclaim any I hope will be a useful measure and will set at intention on my part whatever to have been guilty in the remotest degree of any discourtesy to them. How far the five unofficial members the Sanitary Board could be representative of the community or how far any five gentlemen in this community may be entirely representative where there are such a variety, of interests involved is a matter of opinion But it is a matter of history that my predeces. sor appointed those gentlemen originally as a Committee of the Sanitary Board which was afterwards extended to a Commission and the reasons why he did so are well-known. suffices for me to say that in alluding to that subject I intended no discourtesy and no deprecition of the labours and work these gentlemen have done. In the second place I have operation of the section, and it is not worth seen it noted that I was in error in saying that the members of the Commission had not access to the confidential documents which passed between the Secretary of State and

the Governor. Throughout the report of the Committee in the papers which I studied on this subject there was no indication whatdespatches. I find I was in error in the statement I made and I deeply regret having made it. Exception was also taken to my remarks that the Commission had somewhat exceeded their powers. The committee was constituted to advise on the matter of the administration of the existing ordinance and my predecessor said "I do not contemplate modification of the Ordinance of 19:3." think I was well within the truth in the remark I made. Further, it has been stated that Sir Matthew Nathan repeatedly saw the Chairman of the Commission and had discussions with him from time to time as to the progress of their investigations. I regret very much that no record has been left of what transpired on these occasions but it is perfectly clear from the fact of his having had these discussions and from the fact that he accepted the report that I under- it had been entirely within the terms of



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members can give the Government any assist- of the Bill in order to amplify the remarks I made at the first reading. It is right weeks to-day since we introduced this Bill to the Connoil and hon, members and the community outside have had now considerable time to study its provisions, and I am glad to say that the fullest advantage has been taken of that oppoitunity. The European land and property owners appointed two leading firms of architects to study and report upon it and the Chinese property owners have adopted the same course and appointed a third firm to several meetings to discuss the Amending Ordinance and we are in possession of their views. I welcome on behalf of the Government most cordially this body of opinion and the criticisms which have been most valuable and l think they will tend to improve the Bill which rest this perennial controversy on the subject

of sanitation in this Colony The remainder of His Excellency's speech will appear in to-morrow's issue. He expressed pleasure at hearing members speak of the singleness of purpose which characterised the officials, indicated that a medical officer ought to have a seat on the Sanitary Board, and referred to the efforts being made to induce the Chinese to co-operate with the authorities in chtaining sanitary conditions.

The Bill was read a second time and the committee stage was postponed for three weeks, an application by Mr. Pollock to have it extended to five weeks being refused by His Excellency for reasons which he gave. The Foreign Corporations Bill was read a third time, and became law.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held afterwards-the Colonial Secretary presiding. The following votes were passed :-MEDICAL DEPARTMENT VOTE

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May, 1908, at 2.30 P.M Dated the 20th day of April, 1908. MATTHEW J. D. STEPHENS. Solicitor for the Applicants.

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POSTAL AGENCIES IN CHINA.

In the lituse of Commons on March 30th, Mr. Henniker Heaton, asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs: Whether the Govern-seen that the year's working resulted in a loss ment of Hougkong it raddled with agencies at the principal treaty ports of China; Society would have been about \$250 to the good whether the British Government will in future on the year's working, but it should be noted share these expanses and losses, in view of the that \$140 of this belongs properly to the fact that Great Britain shares the profits from those services ; whether the British community at Tientsin have been requir d'to guarantes 77,500, the estimated loss on the working of the B -itish postal agency at Tientsin during 1907; whether the \$7,500 is treated as revenue 'le Hangkong Government accounts, the Colon al Government being required to pay the 20 per cent, military contributions, anding that it represents a los

The Hongkong Government by years carried on the British postal Mr. Ch Chine, and has bitherto derived has for man rofit in which the British Governshared. As will be seen from from them a the Post Office Estimates, it ment has not f £810 per annum from the sub head D of received a grant at in respect of them, out of ents an allowance to the British Governme. which £100 reprer-General for increased Colonial Postmaste ritish Municipal Council steed a sum of \$7,500 to responsibility. The L at Tientsin have galara. ficit on the agency of meet the anticipated dethat port during 1908, id would be treated arrangements any sam so p. as revenue for the purpose in. As I informed Hongkong military contribution tford on March the honourable member for Str. ance_of_these 12 the question of the mainten. ration. agencies is, however, under consida

LAUNCH OF A P. AND STEAMER.

The P. and O. Company's 6,000-ton ex. steamer Salsette was successfully lunched for Messrs. Caird's yard at Greenook. She h been designed for the Company's Bombay-Adea line, and will make the fortnightly connexion at Aden with the outward and homeward Australian steamers, thus alternating with the fortnightly through steamers to and from Bombay for the maintenance of the Company weekly passenger service to India, which, under the new mail contract, has been recently accelerated. Before making her maiden voyage! in the mail a rvice in October next she will be espatched on two pleasure cruises—to Russia Police who subsec in August and to the Adriatic in September. The new vessel is 440ft. in length, 53ft. in breadth, and has a moulded depth of 32ft.; her internal arrangements, outside the enginercom. wil consist almost entirely of passenger and Post Office accommodation, her cargo space being inconsiderable.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. str. Tango Maru (American Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 80th ult., and is expected here on the 3rd inst.

The N.G.I. str. Capri left Singapore for this port on the 30th ult., and may be expected here on or about the 7th inst. The Ben Line str. Benarty from Antwerp

and London, left Singapore on the 29th ult The str. Indr mamha from New York left Singapore for this port yesterday morning. The C.P.R. str. Empress of China-arrived

Negasaki at 5 a.m. on Thursday, the 30th ult.,

and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 11 p.m. to-day. The C.P.R. str. Monteagle arrived Kobe Charmant will enable you to do it at 6.30 a.m. on Wednesday, the 29th ult., and left again at 12.30 p.m. same day for Yokohama where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. to-day.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL

The third annual general meeting of Horticultural Society was held in the music room of the City Hall, yesterday afternoon, the business being to receive the annual report and elect a Committee and officers for the ensuing year. Mr. J. Barton presided over a mengre

The report stated:

Two shows were held during the year, a chrysauthemum show on the 14th November. 1907, and the annual flower and vegetable show on the 26th and 27th February, 1908. Both shows were held in the Botanic Gardens.

CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW. There were 54 entries by 14 erhibitors in 24 classes. 19 prizes were won between 6 exhibit tors. The Peak flowers for which specia classes had been arranged were a failure, no prizes being awarded. The net cost of the show was \$322.95.

FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW.

The Chinese Market gardeners again to exhibit in the vegetable classes specially set apart for them, and it is proposed to omit these classes in the next schedule.

The judging of the general exhibits was done by Messrs. J. Barton, D. W. Craddock S. T. Dunn, and W. J. Tutcher. Of the gar, Britain and Canada a steamship service equal den by Messrs. J. Barton, S. T. Dunn, L. Gibbs and H. H. Gompettz, and of the table

The winter was not a favourable one for flowers, the early part being unusually wet and warm and the two months before the show A very fair show of flower was however produced. Some of the special features being carnations shown by Mr. Looker, some very fine roses grown by Mrs. Makeham at Pokfulam and primulas shown by Mr. Choa Leep | Liverpool to Halifax at 4 days and 12 hours Chee. And among the vegetables some broad beans were put in as a special exhibit by Sergt.

The net cost of the show amounted to \$431.45 The thanks of the Society are due to the following who kindly presented prizes or gave contributions to the prize fund :- H. E. Sir. Frederick Lugard, H. E. Major-General Broadwood, Sir Paul Chater, Mrs. Ho Tung, Mrs. Home Address- "42" BOYL'TON STREET, Turner, Messre. J. Birton, Chan Sin Kee, Choa Lesp Chee, D. Dorabjie, S. T. Dane, Fung Wa Chun, L. Gibbs, Ho Kom Tong, Ho Tung and H. E. Tomkins. Also to the Police Department who supplied constables to take charge of gates during both shows and to the Botanical and Forestry Department for assistance in

singing the exhibits. From the statement of accounts it will be of \$68.31. It will be seen however that without the expense of the chrysanthemum show the previous year. The committee have decided not to hold a chrysanthemum show in the autumn; as the attendance at the last was exceedingly poor and the funds of the Society do not admit of the necessary expenditure.

The membership shows a satisfactory increase, the or inary members now number 108 as against 66 at this time last year.

On the 21st March, Sir Paul Chater kindly invited the members of the Society to visit his garden in Conduit Road and several availed thomselves of the privilege.

In accordance with rule 4 the committee retire but, with the exception of Mrs. Brewin and Mrs. Turner, offer themselves for re-election.

The following office bearers were elected for the ensuing year :- Mr. Barton; President Mr. Gibbs, Score aty | Mesars. Cho Lip Chi, W. Craddock, S. T. Dunn, H. Gemperiz, W. J. Tulcher, Mrs. Sudar, Mrs. Boll, Mrs. Gibbs and Mr. Ho Kam Tong. Committee.

CHINA MAIL BOAT INCIDENT.

When the China mail steamer Lai Sang was hanling out of her mcoring on her last voyage to the Straits a Chiness seaman, named Yep. Wing, who was arranging some cauvas awnings. on a derrick spar, accidently overbalanced and fell on A of 4 winch, receiving severe injuries. There was quite a large number of Punjabi passengers on board, mostly bound for the Strait and the accident caused a deal of mong them, which was increased ons condition of the unfortunate ame apparent, and before the Chit aluan bet dstream he expired. The cries was in m brought some of the crew to the of the Punjabis was immediately lowered into le over to the custody of the a dinghy and ma quently disposed of it, the , accident. The Lai Sang matter being a pun ter voyage down the river any delay. - Calcutta then proceeded on without experiencin Englishman.

'S TRADE.

THE WORL sipal countries of the e enormous total of The trading of the prime world last year reached th 3 on the previous £4.000.068,000 -- an increas year of £278,407,000. gest shares in this

The countries with the lar, grand total were as follows:-Exports. £426,205,000 Imports, United Kingdom 337,72),000 394,859,000 United States... 221,631,000 106,881,000 97,1 8,000 Austria-Hungary ... 123,036,000

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THE ALL-RED ROUTE.

Ottawa, March 23rd. One of the most interesting personalities in the Canadian House of Commons is the Hon. Clifford Sifton, ex-Minister of the Interior. whose name has become familiar to Englishmen through his advocacy of the All-Red route. Mr. Sifton retired from the Laurier Ministry in February, 1905, on account of differences of opinion with his colleagues over the education clauses in the Bill creating the new Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta. Since that time the member for Brandon has not taken a very notive part in the debates of the House. H speech on Friday (March 20), however, is regarded as a new departure in Canadian

politics, and has completely overshadowed ever 9 other utterance, including even that of the Minister of Finance, in the present Budget debate. The part of his speech of most general interest was that devoted to the All-Red steamship project, says the Time. Mr. Sifton cited the resolution passed at the

Imperial Conference as the basis of the scheme interpreted it as meaning that Great Britain, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia were committed to an improvement in their means of communication as great as reasonable expense would permit. His business he said, took him to England last autumn, and before going he had had some conversations with the Prime Minister, rud it had been arranged that he should do what he could informally to carry this resolution. He had discussed the matter with Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Asquith These conferences, which could not be reported were in no way official, and could not be the basis of any sugarement. But he had received assurances that "when Canada, Australia, and New Zealand come to Great Britain with a definite proposal, it will receive serious and sympathetic consideration." The definite Railway, the Canadian Northern, and the scheme, which was before the Imperial Con-

ference, proposed to establish between Great to the best on the Atlantic, and of 24 knot, would be very little difficulty in making it a speed; scross Canada a railway service success. In conclusion, he expressed the hope as fast as possible; and from Canada to that the Government might feel itself justified New Zealand and Australia a 9.000 ton steam. at an early date in taking up a decided position. ship line with a speed of 18 knots, At present in connection with this project. mails from Loudon to New Zealand took 38 days, With such a service the time would be cut down to 24 days at most. For Australia there would be no gain of this kind, but she would

have the advantage of an alternative route, He admitted that there were difficulties, confined, however, chiefly to the Atlantic. With a 24-knot service, allowing four hours for delay in getting away, he calculated the time from Liverpool to Quetoc, via Cape Race, 5 days hours, as compared with the Lusitania's first record-bae sking trip of 5 days 18 hours and 46 minutes. There would thus, on the Halifax-Liverpool route, be a gain over New York of a full day and tix hours, with less gains by the Majesty describes as a "very important had a definite offer from a reliable steamship his speech in the Reichstag on January 29, company to build a restal of 20 out tons company to build a vessel of 20,000 tons Admiral von Tirpitz represented the new Bill equipped in the same style as the Lusitania, and as being merely designed to correct an error of with 25-knot, speed. This he said was an calculation in the pavy law of 1900. Admiral ves-el-of-the-size-of-the Lustania on the

Canadian route.

There was h stility to the project, but he ascribed it largely to the insurance underwriters. Their objections were to the dangers of the Canadian route from fog and ice. But the reports of the American hydrographic survey showed that the average fog on the route to Canada was 34 per cent., and on the New York route 8 per cent, the densest fog being just outside of New York. Taking the voyage as a whole, the New York maximum of fog was 16 per cent., and the Canadian maximum Il per cent. These calculations did not include the Gulf of St. Lawrence, but the Canalian geographer was collating information on this of water, and from a recent conversation with that official he believed that the fog in the Gulf would not be found to total up a large percentage. The opinion in London was that the further north you went the more fog you got, while the contrary was the truth. As to the danger from ice, the captain of the Empress of Ireland had given it as his opinion

that the only inconvenience was the necessity of taking a somewhat more southerly course from December to May. As the result of a careful examination of British Board of Trade returns by While, the Canadian geographer, it had been discovered that the unfavourable insurance statistics were due to the inclusion in the Canadian figures of all wrecks of coasting steamers of 200 tons and upward, which were not counted in the statistics relating to other countries. Of passenger steamers, with which alone they were concerned, from 1880 to 190% there had been only five vessels lost on the Liverpool-Quebec and the Liverpool-Halifax routes. Three of these wrecks were known to have been due to lack of experience or care and two to failure to take proper soundings; only

one in the 27 years might be fairly said to be due to the dangers of the route. The total subsidy which would be required be estimated at £1,000,000. This might be paid as follows :- Australia, £75 000 ; New Z sland, He thought it might safely be said that New Zualand was willing to give the £100,000. As to Au tralia, it was not so clear what her present position was, Great Britain awaited a definite proposal from the Colonies

concerned. They might therefore say that was for the Government and Parliament of Canada to take definite action with a view to securing the co-operation of New Zealand and Australia, and then presenting a deficite proposition to the Government of Great Britain At present Canada paid about £136,000 a year for the Canadian Australian service. Thus by the proposed distribution she would pay from £180,000 to £190,000 more. The growth of the several countries concerned had now reached a stage which justified their people in concluding that they were entitled to the best service that modern skill and modern science could procure. They were all great, all wealthy, all increasing in prosperity, and had united themselves together in an Imperial organization-because at the Imperial Conference they did unite themselves into an Imperial organization the significance of which it was hardly possible to over-estimate and which was not les significant because it was more or

less loose in its character. So far as travel and

fransportation were concerned Canada was on a

side street instead of on the main thoroughfare.

What this proposition meant was that Canada should be put upon the thoroughfare. here had been, and there would be, objections of a serious and difficult character to overcome. He had seen statements made, for instance, by men connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway that indicated some degree of hostility to the project. But companies had been opposed to things in Canada before, and their hings had nevertheless come to pass. Thus they could not always be looking for guidance to the gentlemen who control these great companies. He hoped that if the Governments of the colonies concerned agreed with the Government of Great Britain upon a proper basis, some means could be devised whereby the Canadian Pac fic Railway and the Grand Trunk Intercolonial Railway would all join to make the scheme the great auccess it ought to b. and if they did this be-had-no-doub-that there-

THE GERMAN NAVY.

TELEGRAM FROM THE EMPREOR. Berlin, April 2nd. As was stated in The Times of yesterday, the

Emperor William has appointed Admir I von Tirpita, Secretary of State for the Imperial Navy, a life member of the Upper House of the Prussian Diet in recognition of his successful advocacy of the new German navy law in the eichstag. In a telegram to Admiral von Tirpitz the Emperor expresses his great pleasure at the adoption of the Bill reducing the age limit for battleships, which his important point, as it would not pay to put a von Tirpitz's predeces for, Admiral von Hollman, who retired in 1897 as a result of his failure to secure a majority in the Reichstag for the increased navy estimates of that year, was not summoned to the Prussian Upper House until 1904, when he had won the Imperial favour by

his activities in different spheres. During the course of the present year there will be under construction for the German navy seven battleships and three large cruisers, all of which will be of the Dreadnought type, six small craisers, and three special service or mining-In addition, 24 large torpede boats. will be under construction, together with an unspecified number of submarine craft.

The old buttleship Dentschland, which acted as the flagship of Prince Henry a squadronduring his cruise to the Far East in 1897, is to be refitted at a cost of £2),000 as a target for big.

The Emperor William has sent a telegram of congratulation to the small ceniser Blitz upon, the completion of 25 years' service as tender to the high sea fleet .- Times.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued. the following report:-On the 3 th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has risen in Japan, and fallen over the E: coast

of China and the S. Lo schoos. The area of high pressure is now over S. Japan, and a low area appears to be developing over the S part of the Eastern Sea Mo erate or fresh N.E. win is may be ex-

pected in the For noss Channel, and the N. part Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.19 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:-E. or N.E.

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South coast of China between | Same as No. 1. Hongkong and Lamocks. gouth coast of China between ?

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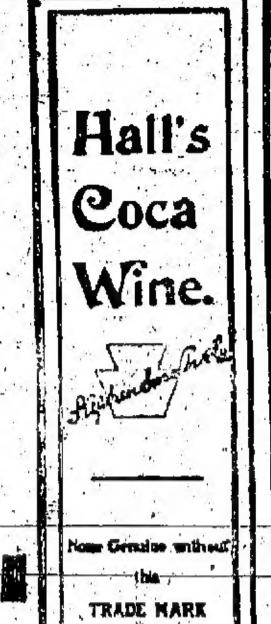
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Matheson & Co. KALOMO, British str., 1,955, R. Linklater, 29th April-New York 8th March, and Singapore 23rd April, General-Shewan, Tomes

ONBANG, British str., 1,787, R. Cox, 30th April -Calcutta via Straits and Singapore 23rd April, General-Jardine, Matheson & Co. SHAOHSING. British str., 30th April -Canton. VICTORIA, Swedish str.; 30th April-Canton. YUNNAN, British str., 1,206, W. Owen Jones, 30th April-Chinking 26th Apr., General -Butterfield & Swire.

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DEPARTURES. 30th April. BOURBON, French str., for Saigon. DELTA, British str., for Shanghai. HILARY, German str., for Saigon. PROGRESS, German str., for Canton: SKRAMSTAD, Norwegian str., for Chefoo. TJIBODAS, Dutch str., for Batavia. WINGSANG, British str., for Shanghai.

SHIPPING REPORTS. The British str. Childi reports: Strong N.E. wind and sea.

The British str. Choysing reports: Fresh N. E. monsoon, rough sea, overcast rainy weather throughout. The British str. Onsang reports: Light E. N. E. winds and fine weather, rotterey fresh N. E. winds and moderate swell.

The British str. Yunnan reports : On Friday April 24th, strong gale in the Yangtaze and vicinity; Chinkiang to Turnabout, fresh N. E breeze with fine weather; Turnabout to Hongkong, strong N. E. wind, of gale force at time rough sen and overcast weather...

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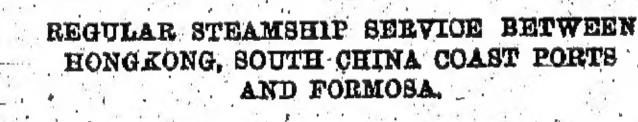
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KUDAT & SANDAKAN}	"BORNEO" • Capt. F. Shibril	Middle of May.
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THE GRRMAN MAIL. The I.G.M. str. Prinz Sigismund left Marila on Tuesday, the 28th ult. at 11 p.m., and may be expected here to day.

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THE INDIAN MAIL. The Indo-China str. Kumsang from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on the morning of the 28th ult and is due here on or about the 3rd inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL, The C.P.R. Empress of China left Vancouver for Hongrope, via usual ports of call at p.m. on the Total uit.

The Danish str. Indien left Shimonoseki on the 26th ult., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 3rd inst. The N.Y.K. str. Moyori Maru (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 27th ult. Hongkong 20 and is expected here on the 3rd inst.

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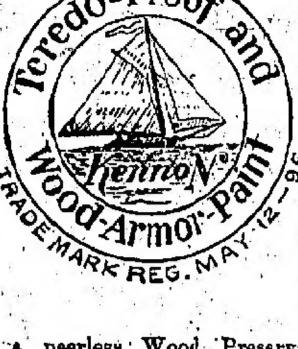
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